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SUBJ: HELICOPTER INCIDENT

REF: A) MUNICH 1733

B) MUNICH 1749

1. EMBASSY IS INITIATING NO RPT NO DISCUSSIONS OR INQUIRIES REGARDING HELICOPTER INCIDENT REPORTED REFTELS, WHICH HAS THUS FAR BEEN VIEWED BY ALL BUT AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PRESS AS INDEPENDENT ACT OF PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZEN. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INQUIRIES FROM AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES ON MATTER.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MEEKER'S INFRACTIONS OF AUSTRIAN LAWS AND REGULATIONS ARE NOT EXTRADITABLE, WHICH WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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SEEM TO MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT HIS ACTIVITY WILL

BECOME MATTER OF FORMAL RPT FORMAL ACTION BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND FRG, OR BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND U.S. G.

3. AUSTRIAN PRESS AND TV COVERAGE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE AND MATTER-OF-FACT. ONLY COMMUNIST "VOLKSTIMME" HAS EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES KNEW NOTHING OF OPERATION AND CLAIMED THAT IT IS "MORE PROBABLE THAT THESE BORDER VIOLATIONS TOOK PLACE WITH AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES' KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT." PAPER SAID ATTITUDE OF AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES CALLS FOR EXPLANATION.

4. AUSTRIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS BEEN REPORTED IN PRESS AS SAYING THAT INVESTIGATIONS WERE ALREADY UNDERWAY ON AUGUST 17 OF "MYSTERIOUS HELICOPTER FLIGHT" ON AUGUST 15 IN AREA OF ALLEGED BORDER CROSSINGS. HE APPARENTLY DID NOT SAY WHERE INFORMATION THAT GAVE RISE TO INVESTIGATION HAD COME, E.G. CZECH PROTEST OR AUSTRIANS' OWN OBSERVATIONS. APPARENTLY AUGUST 15 HELICOPTER FLIGHT EVADED RADAR DETECTION, FOR WHICH COAUTHORITIES. AUGUST 17 FLIGHT WAS OBSERVED VISUALLY. MEEHAN

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